Dear Jim,

1/10/77

You were disappointed when I said I'd rather not get what CIA can call ^ing privacy material than open it up for Lane. It is not only for Lane although if you reflect on his record of misuse and the considerably altered present situation you will see he is not the only one/

There is the ever-present question that always goes with it, can we do better with another effort? I think so.

But were he the only consideration I would feel the same. He is a bum on a bummer. Let him harvest his thorns, and prick a few others with them. It will happen, it is past due and perhaps it can be constructive.

We have obtain more than I believe you realize. We are obtaining more. In order not to jeopardize this more I'd rather be patient and quiet, especially since for literary purposes I need no more.

Besides, there is something wrong with the CIA igmoring all my other requests, some six years ~~mixxx~~ and some later supplied to others and then acting on the most reecent of my requests. It can be simple, like the committee'sexistence, or it can be complicated, the leaks illustrating these possibilities.

I have not taken time to try to figure it out. The facts are enough without taking time for meaning now.

One of these ~~ix~~ is the lower probability that the CIA will have anything significant on the ing assassination or would let it out if it did.

If they let more ant-FBI stuff out now what good would that do?It could become another diversion.

They should have second-hand stuff others might regard as raunchy. I have no interest in this dirtiness.

Neither of us wants to help bad commitee people, either. We do not know enough to guess if there is or can be such a linkage.

These people are much in need of diversions. Let us not accomodate them.

Meanwhile CK is thoroughly hooked. She has a past I'd not want to have to live with. So let us not fight an unnecessary fight for anpther to pick up the chips. If she is willing, fine. If she is not, let her depend on her new friends.

I'm tired so perhaps I'm not as clear as I'd like to be. There is only so much we can do. With the changed situation I believe it is not a good idea to help those who are both incompetent and not good. The faster they do more of their thing the better off all others will be.

I've got between 3-4 inches of the indexes to go oger yet. Worth the time.

If I wanted to there wpuld be more than a thousand issues I could raise over what I've learned from them and the volumes. But when I passed a hundred I stopped keeping identifications of withheld files. We'll not get them that way if at all and I'm sure we'll agree on what has become more important in going on two years. More than a thousand names are without justification obliterated. Instead of getting all upset I've been studyying these and if and when you want to do something we do not have to do other than we have done about which she made a fine, meaningless speech.

Useful patterns are emerging. Clearly. My problem will be remembering them all.

Never dreamed how xertified the title I chose really was.

Best,